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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT
OF ILC:

BEGIN TEXT: 9 JUNE 1977, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"AS IN PAST YEARS, PART II OF MY REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE
IS DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ILO DURING THE PRECEDING
YEAR.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE AND
THE GOVERNING BODY IN 1962, THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT TO
THE CONFERENCE ALSO INCLUDES A REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OVER THE PREVIOUS FIVE
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YEARS. THE SECOND CHAPTER OF PART II OF MY REPORT PROVIDES THIS
INFORMATION.

"TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS
COMPLEMENTARY TO MY REPORT:

"FIRST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE GOVERNING BODY WHICH OBLIGE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO REPORT EVERY YEAR TO THE CONFERENCE ON ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS, I CONFIRM THAT I WILL AGAIN REPORT IN 1978 AND 1979 ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN 1974 CONCERNING "THE POLICY OF DISCRIMINATION, RACISM AND VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS PRACTISED BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN PALESTINE AND IN THE OTHER OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES". REST OF TEXT FOLLOWS THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. TEXT CONTAINED IN PARA ONE THIS MESSAGE IS FINAL TEXT. TEXT CONTAINED GENEVA 4595 WAS THIRD DRAFT, WHICH WAS CHANGED DURING FINAL NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE BEING SENT TO ILC.

3. FOLLOWING HIS READING OF THE LETTER AT 4:55 P.M. GENEVA TIME PRESIDENT AMEDUME REMARKED: "I SUBMIT TO THE CONFERENCE THAT THERE IS WIDE AGREEMENT ON THESE POINTS:

(1) THE CONFERENCE WILL ACCEPT THE COMMUNICATION SUBMITTED TO ME BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

(2) THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE REPORT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE MATTERS ADDRESSED IN THE LETTER WILL NO LONGER BE RAISED IN THIS CONFERENCE.

"IS THIS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CONFERENCE?"

4. ENNACEUR, TUNISIA, RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS (NOT VERBATIM):
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MR. PRESIDENT, WE HAVE LISTENED TO THE MESSAGE CONVEYED TO THE CONFERENCE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AS A SUPPLEMENT TO HIS REPORT. ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB AND AFRICAN DELEGATES I REPEAT THAT WE CONDEMN THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BODY IN MARCH, 1977 AS SET FORTH IN THE REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. WE NOTE EVERYTHING IN THIS MESSAGE AND EXPECT THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CARRY THIS OUT WITH THE UTMOST SINCERITY.

WE WILL FOLLOW THIS QUESTION VERY CLOSELY UNTIL EVERYTHING STATED IN THE LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT. WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

5. THIS STATEMENT WAS GREETED WITH MILD APPLAUSE FOLLOWED BY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT AMEDUME (NOT VERBATIM):

IN VIEW OF WHAT WE HAVE JUST HEARD FROM THE DISTINGUISHED MINISTER FROM TUNISIA, I WILL PLACE THIS COMMUNICATION IN THE RECORD OF THIS SITTING OF THE CONFERENCE. NO OBJECTION HAVING

BEEN RAISED TO THESE PROPOSALS, I ASSUME THAT THIS CONFERENCE AGREES THAT:

(A) THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IS NOTED AND ACCEPTED

(B) THE ISSUES RAISED CONCERNING THESE MATTERS IN THE SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT NEED NOT BE PURSUED ANY FURTHER.

HAVING DISPOSED OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER, I WISH TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE CONSULTATIONS OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS. WITHOUT HIS HELP THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE DELEGATES INVOLVED WHO HAVE SHOWN A SPIRIT OF ACCOMODATION AND CONCILIATION IN THIS MATTER. I HOPE WE WILL, IN THE REMAINING DAYS OF THIS CONFERENCE, BE ABLE TO PURSUE THE IMPORTANT ISSUE BEFORE US

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WITHOUT RESORT TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF A SELFISH NATURE THAT PREVENT US FROM FOCUSING UPON THE REAL WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

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